

## Committee Meetings

### HOUSING FINANCE REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on improving regulation of housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, Housing, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 21.

### INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### FACA: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled: "FACA: Conflicts of Interest and Vaccine Development—Preserving the Integrity of the Process." Testimony was heard from James L. Dean, Director, Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Marilyn L. Glynn, General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Linda A. Suydam, Senior Associate Commissioner, FDA; and Dixie Snider, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control.

### F-22 COST CONTROLS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "F-22 Cost Controls: Will Production Cost Savings Materialize?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO: Allen Li, Associate Director; and Leonard L. Benson, Senior Evaluator; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Darleen A. Druryun; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition Management, U.S. Air Force; and George Schneider, Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSEAS PRESENCE ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 352, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding manipulation of the mass media and intimidation of the independent press in the Russian Federation, expressing support for freedom of speech and the inde-

pendent media in the Russian Federation, and calling on the President of the United States to express his strong concern for freedom of speech and the independent media in the Russian Federation; H. Res. 500, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the violence, breakdown of rule of law, and troubled pre-election period in the Republic of Zimbabwe; H. Con. Res. 275, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements; and H. Res. 259, supporting the goals and ideals of the Olympics.

The Committee also held a hearing on Progress on Implementing Overseas Presence Advisory Panel Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

### OVERSIGHT—INTERNET-COPYRIGHTED WEBCAST PROGRAMMING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Copyrighted Webcast Programming on the Internet. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—DRUGS THREAT POSED

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4033, amended, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000; and H.R. 4640, DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on "The Threat Posed by the Illegal Importation, Trafficking, and Use of Ecstasy and Other 'Club' Drugs." Testimony was heard from Lewis Rice, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, New York Division, DEA, Department of Justice; John Varrone, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Pombo; John R. Fraser, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; Cindy Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action H.R. 3432, to direct the Minerals Management Service to grant the State of Louisiana and its lessees

a credit in the payment of Federal offshore royalties to satisfy the authorization for compensation contained in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 for oil and gas drainage in the West Delta Field.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; and H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representatives Udall of New Mexico and Skeen; Kathy Karpan, Acting Principal Deputy, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CENTENNIAL ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act. Testimony was heard from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: S. 1275, Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act; H.R. 2984, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska; H.R. 3595, amended, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; S. 986, Griffin Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act; H.R. 1787, Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 4389, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Inte-

rior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; and H.R. 2348, amended, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN—REGULATORY FAIRNESS PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on the Small Business Ombudsman and the Regulatory Fairness Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **UNITED-U.S. AIRWAYS—PROPOSED MERGER**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Concluded hearings on the Proposed United-US Airways Merger. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myrick and Slaughter; D. Michael Fisher, Attorney General, State of Pennsylvania; Mike Hatch, Attorney General, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

#### **UNITED STATES-VIETNAM RELATIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States-Vietnam Relations, including the renewal of Vietnam's waiver under the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representative Rohrabacher; Douglas Peterson, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam; and public witnesses.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

No Committee meetings are scheduled.